

**P**UBLIVS LENTVLVS, his Nevves

*to the Senate of Rome, concerning Iesus Christ.*



**I**N the daies of TIBERIVS CÆSAR the Emperour,  
*as the Governours of sundry Prouinces, vnder the Senate and people of  
Rome, vsed to aduertise the Senate of such newes as chanced in diuers  
Countries: Publius Lentulus being at that time President in Iudea,  
writ to the Senate and people of Rome an Epistle, the words whereof  
were these.*

**T**Here appeared in these our daies  
a man of great vertue, named  
IESVS CHRIST, who is yet living a-  
mongst vs, and of the *Gentiles* is ac-  
cepted for a Prophet of trueth: but  
his own Disciples call him the Sonne  
of God. He raised the dead, and cu-  
red all manner of diseases; a man of  
stature somewhat tall and comely,  
with a very reuerend countenance,  
such as of the beholders, may both  
be loued & feared; his haire of the co-  
lour of a Philberd, or Haselnut not

full ripe, hanging downe as lowe as his shoulders, and plaine to the  
eares, but from the eares downeward, somewhat curled & more orient  
of colour; in the midst of his fore-top, goeth a seame or partition of his  
haire, after the manner of the *Nazarites*; his forehead very plaine and  
smooth, his face without spot or wrinkle, beautified with a comely  
red; his nose and mouth so formed, as nothing can be reprehended; his  
beard very thicke, agreeable in colour to the haire of his head, his  
beard fashioned like a forke, but not of any great length; of looke sim-  
ple & liuely, his eies gray, cleere, & quick. In reprovng, he is terrible:  
in admonishing, curteous and faire spoken; pleasant in speech, mixed  
with grauity. It cannot be remembred that any haue seene him laugh,  
but many haue seene him weepe; in proportion of body well shaped  
and straight; his hands & armes right delectable to behold; in speaking  
very temperate, modest, and wise; a man for his singular beauty, sur-  
passing the children of men.

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